

The Sept. 10, Teleconference Call-In numbers for the County Issues Workgroup at 12:00 and HIPAA Workgroup at 1:30 are:

All Participants should use the following information to reach the conference call:

- \* PARTICIPANT CODE: 587367
- \* International Access/Caller Paid Dial In Number: (865)525-4165

Below are several recent e-news items that may be of interest. Please be sure to note that in some cases the information presented may be the opinion of the original author. We need to be sure to view it in the context of our own organizations and environment. In some cases you may need legal opinions and/or decision documentation when interpreting the rules.

Many thanks to all who contributed to this information!!!  
Have a great day!!!  
Ken

Items included below are:

- INFOSECON - ISSA - see attachment
- HIPAA info at GIVES
- [hipaalive] State Correctional Institutions
- [hipaalive] SECURITY: email encryption policy needed
- [hipaalive] PRIVACY -Healthplans and Consents

\*\*\*\*\* INFOSECON - ISSA  
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This is a special message to invite you to attend the upcoming Annual Information Security Conference on October 3rd. Please see the enclosed invitation and agenda.

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\*\*\*\*\* HIPAA info at GIVES  
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A source for HIPAA information can be found at: <http://www.hipaagives.org/>  
Government Information Value Exchange for States (GIVES) is a collaborative state government health care focus group resulting in the sharing of information through a clearinghouse highway and providing a forum for discussing and resolving issues in meeting the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) legislation.

Some of the info links available at their site: <http://www.hipaagives.org/relatedlinks.asp>

Governors Ask For Congress for HIPAA Delay : Health Data Management  
article

and the about the letter sent to the leaders of the Senate Finance Committee  
House Energy and Commerce Committee by the National Governor's  
Association.

2001 Midyear SHARP : Southern HIPAA Administrative Regional Process Web Site  
Conference materials : from the NASCIO (formerly known as NASIRE)  
Conference

National Association of Health Data Organizations : (NAHDO)

HIPAA Readiness Collaborative Pilot Policies : This web site contains pilot  
Security and Privacy policies.

National Association of Counties :

Public Health Data Standards Committee : (PHDSC)

Implementation of Administrative Simplification Requirements : by HHS

National Archives and Records Administration : Federal Register

Joint Healthcare Information Technology Alliance : (JHITA)

Administrative Simplification Web Site :

X12N : Home Page

X12N Insurance Industry Implementation Guides :

HHS Data Council : Web Site

Transcripts NCVHS Web Site : (National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics) -  
of all hearings and written testimony.

Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange : WEDI

National Healthcare Financing Administration : (HCFA) - Detailed information on  
Provider Identifier and PAYERID.

conditions, data Washington Publishing Company : Implementation guides, data  
dictionary for X12N standards being proposed under HIPAA.

North Carolina Healthcare Information and Communications Alliance :

ShareNET : Healthcare EDI organization

Health Care Financing Administration : (HCFA) - Federal agency that administers the

Medicare, Medicaid and Child Health Insurance programs

Association for Electronic Health Care Transactions : (AFEHCT)

Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission : Independent, non-profit accrediting body

\*\*\*\*\* [hipaalive] State Correctional Institutions

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\*\*\* This is HIPAAlive! From Phoenix Health Systems \*\*\*

Generally prisons and correctional facilities do not meet the definition of a health plan because they are not a group or individual plan established for the purpose of paying for the cost of health care. However, if you have an on-site facility or individual(s) providing health care to inmates, then that will qualify as a health care provider. Check out the definitions sections at part 160.

Also, we developed an "impact criteria" for our state agencies to give a high level assessment of whether a program or agency is covered under HIPAA from a public entity prospective. It is available from our website:

[https://www2.wa.gov/dshs/maa/dshshipaa/trans\\_impacttools.htm](https://www2.wa.gov/dshs/maa/dshshipaa/trans_impacttools.htm)

<[https://www2.wa.gov/dshs/maa/dshshipaa/trans\\_impacttools.htm](https://www2.wa.gov/dshs/maa/dshshipaa/trans_impacttools.htm)> , or contact me and I'll email it to you. Good luck in your HIPAA assessment.

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\*\*\*\*\* [hipaalive] SECURITY: email encryption policy needed

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\*\*\* This is HIPAAlive! From Phoenix Health Systems \*\*\*

I have some messages I saved and can forward to you personally. But the Regs are vague regarding encryption. This is a website I found helpful that someone else forwarded to me.

<http://www.hcfa.gov/security/iseclplcy.htm>

It shows the HCFA Internet Security Policy which I think is much more specific.

Call if you want to talk about this at greater length.

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\*\*\*\*\* [hipaalive] PRIVACY -Healthplans and Consents  
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\*\*\* This is HIPAAlive! From Phoenix Health Systems \*\*\*

I believe the American Association of Health Plans (AAHP) has weighed in with DHHS and AAHP has requested modifications and/or guidance on this very issue. Earlier this week, I received an email from AAHP which included a transcript of AAHP's testimony at the NCVHS hearings held Aug 21-23. Ken Fody of Independence Blue Cross and Thomas Wilder of AAHP both testified on behalf of AAHP's member plans. Also included in the packet was a 9 page document and letter from Karen Ignagni requesting various modifications to the privacy rule. Again, Ms. Ignagni covers this issue in that document. Also included is the concern that health plans could potentially be prohibited from getting data and other information for HEDIS, which as you may know is required for NCOA accreditation.

AAHP may have this information posted on their web site, however, I have not verified that.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Catherine Lohmeier [<mailto:CLohmeie@xantushealthplan.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2001 5:35 PM  
To: HIPAAlive Discussion List  
Subject: [hipaalive] Re: PRIVACY -Healthplans and Consents

\*\*\* This is HIPAAlive! From Phoenix Health Systems \*\*\*

As I work for a healthplan, the discussion on consents not applying to another CE's treatment, payment or operations has me very concerned.

Has anyone officially sent this in as a question to DHHS? If the provider's consent only covers sending PHI to us for his/her bill and not the COB portion or the other various data gathering functions, then it seems to me there is a serious logistical problem. It implies healthplans should get consents from it's members to cover such things...or at worst...authorizations every time something comes up.

Am I over reacting? Any other healthplans reading this the way I am?

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